The Honorable F. J. Lawton Director Bureau of the Budget Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Lawton:

This will acknowledge your letter of 22 June in the matter of printing facilities. Mr. Walter Reid Wolf, Deputy Director for Administration, has advised me that he concurs in your opinion that it would be inadvisable at this time for this Agency to establish the new facilities which would duplicate the existing Government Printing Office plant.

In prior conversation with Mr. Ramsey of your office, Mr. Wolf stated that he might renew the suggestion for the purchase of new equipment for our own plant beyond that amount which Mr. Ramsey and he had fully agreed upon. Renewal of that discussion will be at a time when, in our judgment, it is absolutely essential to effectively and properly accomplish the mission assigned to us.

Sincerely,

Walter B. Smith Director

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